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THE PROGRAMME

The primary idea of this Programme is, of course, to enlighten the audience as to the personnel of the artists taking part in the performances, incidentally to serve as a guide to the plot of the piece, and generally to give such information as will tend to the enjoyment of the auditor.

Reading matter of a miscellaneous nature, is, however, liberally supplied, that may be perused with interest and advantage. Quips and Quirks give zest to the solid matter, as saucers do to meats, but there is a fund of information in the advertisements that may be seriously considered with profit.

The publishers are prepared to attend to all business in the way of general and special advertising.

Respectfully,

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Advertising Agents.

END OF THE WAR.

The war was over. The victorious Japanese troops marched proudly through the streets of Pekin. Li Hung Chang, "the Bismarck of the East," sat alone in his palace, wrapped in thought.

Just simply wrapped in thought. That was all.

A BURGLARY.

Tom—Pills, the druggist, tells me that burglars entered his store the other night and stole \$15 worth of perfume. Too bad, wasn't it? Jerry—I should say so. Have they put the detectives on the scent?

SET RIGHT.

Wool—What time is it?

Van Pelt—The 6 o'clock editions of the evening papers are just out.

Wool (sets his watch)—I thought it must be about half-past 4.

TOO BEAUTIFUL FOR HIM.

Mrs. Brownstone—I think Mary's music professor has a beautiful touch.

Mr. Brownstone—I should say he had! Seven dollars a lesson.

W. T. STRONG.

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CHEMIST

184 dundas Street.

WHY HE NAMED HER.

Miss Wanterneau—Why do you call your dog Trilby, Mr. Wagleigh?

Mr. Wagleigh—A policeman hit her with one of those new concealed clubs the other day.

Miss Wanterneau—What has that to do with it?

Mr. Wagleigh—Don't you see? She was struck with a Little Billy.

THE LADY AND THE TROLLEY.

It was a Cambridge car, and it had stopped just in front of Beck Hall. Mrs. Casey, who sat near the front door, tackled her bundle of washing and started to leave by the front platform. The bundle was rather large and decidedly awkward to handle, and when she reached the street it slipped from her grasp and fell upon one of the tracks.

She started quickly to recover it, but a sudden apprehension seized her and she stopped. Looking at the motorman, she said, doubtfully: "If Oi put me fut on the track will Oi hov a shock?"

"No, madam," replied the motorman, gravely, "not unless you put your other foot on the trolley wire."

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PROGRAMME

ONE WEEK, Commencing
May 13th.



HOWARD WALL'S IDEALS.

Howard Wall - - - - - Manager
John A. Himmelien - - - Associate Manager

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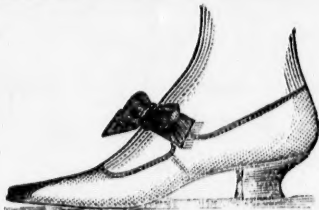
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Romley—I thought you were going on a business trip this week, Jephson?

Jephson—I was, but the new curate is taking special interest in my wife's salvation, so I'm not going.

ON A CHINESE MAN OF WAR.

Lieutenant—Your most noble Greenjacketness, the Japanese ships are approaching.

His Greenjacketness—Then fire a cannon at the dogs.

Lieutenant—But, Your Greenjacketness, they are still so far off that the ball will only go half way.

His Greenjacketness—Then fire two cannons at the dogs.

Little Ethel—Johnny took my banana.

Mother—Johnny, what do you mean—

Little Johnny—It was all in the game, mamma. I said, "Let's play Broadway," and she said, "All wight," and so she got a table for a banana stand, and then I was a policeman and walked past.

Judge—Name? Prisoner—Smith. Judge

—Occupation? Prisoner—Locksmith. Judge

—Officer, locksmith up.



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JUST TO HAND.....

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 15.

THE GENSUS TAKER

EAST OF CHARACTERS.

Ignitus Erastus Solfoside.....	M. B. Streeter
Harry Brown.....	Howard Hall
Edward Harris.....	W. C. Richardson
Major Brown.....	Howard Wall
Dick Hardy.....	J. Knox Gavin
Michael Muldoon.....	Mr. Gavin
Mamie Weston.....	May Prindle
Polly Simple.....	Beatrice Earle
Angemima Dozenbury.....	Evelyn Forbes

SYNOPSIS.

ACT I.—Tarrytown, N.Y. "Excuse me, what's your name?" ACT II—SCENE 1.—Major Brown's Kitchen. SCENE 2.—Prison. SCENE 3.—The Sea. Escape. ACT III.—Interior and exterior of Major Brown's House. ACT IV.—Parlor Major Brown's. "Excuse me, what's your name?"

Specialties by M. B. STREETER and MISS EARLE.

THURSDAY EVENING—A MIDNIGHT CALL.

FRIDAY EVENING—An elaborate production of DASHING WIDOWS.

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Mr. J. (from head of stairs)—Mary, did
 the tailor deliver my new trousers to-day?

Mary—Yes, sir.

Mr. J. —Well, I wish you would ask Mrs.
 J. where she put them, as I cannot find them.

Mary—Mrs. J. has just gone out bicycling,
 sir.

A DOUBTFUL COMPLIMENT.

Mrs. Asher —How do you like our table?
 New Boarder—I was just thinking how
 little there was left to be desired.



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(From Life.)

He—Do you think blondes have more
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She—I don't know. Why not ask some of
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Fitzgerald,
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THURSDAY, MAY 16th.

→ A * MIDNIGHT * CALL ←

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

POPPY.....	BEATRICE EARLE
Lillian Payne.....	May Prindle
Adele Marion.....	Emma Haynor
Sophy.....	Evelyn Forbes
Robert Lawrence.....	Howard Hall
Ricardo Alvenez.....	W. C. Richardson
Dick Garrett.....	M. B. Streeter
Jerry.....	J. Knox Gavin
Oliver Payne.....	Howard Wall
Officer Rounds.....	M. J. Clifton

SYNOPSIS.

ACT I.—The Old Schoolhouse. ACT II.—The Masque Ball. ACT III.—Alvenez Rendevous,
ACT IV.—Home of Oliver Payne.

SPECIALTIES—Songs, M. B. Streeter. Double Specialties, Streeter and Earle. Sailors' Hornpipe, Misses Earle and Forbes and Mr. Wall. Way Up in the Sky, Mixed Quartet. Character Songs, J. Knox Gavin.
BETWEEN THE ACTS Prof. Geo. A. Ott will introduce his musical novelties, including the Xylophone, Slide Trombone, Corrilion and Kalamazoo.

FRIDAY EVENING—"DASHING WIDOWS."

MATINEE SAT., at 2.30—"THE BLACK FLAG."

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To see a man he knew.
No tears adown her fair cheeks ran;
She donned her sweetest smile,
And flirted with another man
Who sat across the aisle.

—New York Press.

Flossie—Mamma, tan I have a new dollie?
Mamma—No! Your doll is just as good
as new.

Flossie—Well I'se dest as dood as new, but
Dod dave 'oo another little dir.

TOMMY'S BREAK.

(From Puck.)

I got fired from Sunday-school
Week before last. I don't care!
Never liked it, anyhow—
Wasn't any fun down there.

Teacher asked who Samson was—
S'pose I made a bad mistake—
But I told her what I thought:
Samson was a bloomin' fake.

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J. K. SPRY, MANAGER.

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During the evening, incidental to the stage performance, the ORCHESTRA of the Grand Opera House, under the direction of FRED. L. EVANS, will perform the following selections:

OVERTURE—Raymond.....	Thomas
RUSSIAN MAZURKA—La Czarine.....	Ganne
SELECTION—"Robin Hood".....	Wiegand
WALTZ—Nisida.....	Strauss
OVERTURE—Ne Cheval de Bronze.....	Auber
MARCH—American Cadet.....	Hall

The above Programme subject to transposition.

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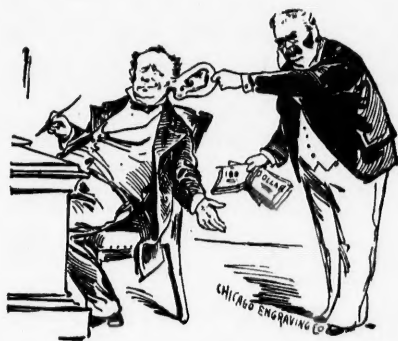
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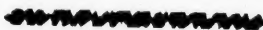
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Wagleigh—Of course she does. Where
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Oh, woman, lovely woman, were it not for thee,
Man, indeed, would have a fit and die from
apathy.

Thou art fair as the lily, and beauteous as
the rose,

For, coming down to beauty, you're in it, "I'll
tell you those."

Oh, woman, lovely woman, thy charms are
ever great,

Thou dost keep the men all guessing some-
times at a lively rate,

How often hast thou caught them with thy
smile so fair to see,

Oh, woman, lovely woman, come, wilt "smile
with me?"

Oh, woman, lovely woman, chief attraction—
nay, save one,

And that one is our office, where the finest
Printing's done.

Our printing is par excellence in quality, and
the price,

When you see the work we do you'll say "It
don't cut ice."

Oh, woman, lovely woman, thy influence with
man

Has always held full sway e'er since the world
began.

Exert it in a profitable way o'er fathers, lovers
and brothers,

And tell them when they printing want—
forget that "there are others."

Then woman, lovely woman, thou hast not
lived in vain,

Pleasant day to-morrow, if indeed it does not rain
We'll sing your praises truly, your charms both

rich and rare.

Some day you'll have a harp and wings, and
go "up in the air."

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(From Life.)

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"Mother's Bible in his pocket?" said Rob-
inson.

"Pack of cards, more likely," remarked
Jones.

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